

I. Nature of activities

The COFO activities in Mooss Point, wherein the office is located, and adjacent Pascagula, are similar to those in other areas of the state. There are Freedom Schools, canvassing for voter registration in the earlier part of the summer, concentration on Freedom Democratic Party during the latter half of the summer, organization of Mississippi Student Union, and working on organizing the local people into a working political organization through the medium of block captains and precinct meetings.

II. Harassment from private parties.

- 1.- July 6 special report on shooting at mass meeting- Jess Stallworth, a local Negro girl, was shot at a mass meeting and hospitalized.
- 2.- Affidavit from Mrs. Alvira Grandison- fired from job because of COFO activity. This is frequently threatened, and operates as an effective deterrent to people working in civil rights activity.
- 3.- L.J. Fairly statement- bottles thrown out of moving car at Negro. Things of this nature occur frequently.
- 4.- Report labeled Special Report, July 6 & 7, under Harassment- Rev. Wishes was threatened by a man with a blackjack.

III. Harassment, etc., from public officials.

- 1.- Arrests in Pascagula for having meeting on private property
- 2.- Affidavit dated July 16, by Robert Campbell- city employee was told, along with all other Negro city employees, by City Commissioner that they should not be active with COFO.
- 3.- Report dated June 21-30, Mooss Point- Two COFO workers arrested for nothing, thrown in cell block where other prisoners had been encouraged to beat them up.
- 4.- Report dated July 16, by Howard Kirschbaum- arrests of Mooss Point people in Biloxi.
- 5.- Statement of James Jones- police picked him up and beat him, breaking his jaw.
- 6.- Statements of Lamar Turneywood, Joe Brown, Edward Wiggins and Charles Jackson- examples of how police can pick up Negroes for anything they want to, whenever they want to. Small fines were paid by each.

IV. Protection from local official.

The protection offered is adequate from violence. They are more sophisticated and subtle than in to allow COFO leaders people to get beaten up. This is not an inviolate rule, however, as the incident in jail when prisoners were encouraged to beat up COFO workers.